WEATHER—Fair tonight and colder. Wednesday fair with rising temperature.

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# Suspect Was Held For Arson

# Capture of Fiume is Imminent

# HUSBAND IS HELD FOLLOWING MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF WIFE

## Poet's Troops Are Facing Utter Defeat

(By United Press)

Rome, Dec. 28—Wreathed in smoke from burning forests and exploding mines, Fiume neared surrender to Italian soldiers. Premier Giolitti was informed by General Caviglias, commanding the regulars that he could expect occupation of the city this afternoon. The progress of the troops has been impeded by the mining of bridges and streets and by sniping. Out in the harbor dreadnaughts and lesser boats trained their guns on the city ready to assist the soldiers. Scores of wounded have been taken aboard the boats and rushed across the Adriatic to hospitals. Gabriel d'Annunzio's assistants are facing fifteen year imprisonments as traitors.

By CAMILLO CIANFARRA
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Rome, Dec. 28.—Land and sea operations developed rapidly around Fiume today. With constantly increasing pressure, regular forces crept toward the heart of the city.

Thirty regulars have been killed and 150 wounded in the sniping, bombing and mining defence of the d'Annunzio troops which have fallen back to the center of the city. The handsome stone bridges, once a feature of the port's architecture, have been wrecked as the troops drew back. Every approach to headquarters has been ruined. Orders were issued that no buildings were to be spared if their destruction would hamper the regulars.

It was denied officially today that Gabrielle d'Annunzio has been injured. Regulars have been instructed to withhold fire until compelled to shoot in order to continue to advance.

The naval blockade tightened with that of the land forces but it was denied there had been any bombardment of the port by heavy naval guns.

d'Annunzio was reported today to have declared he will destroy the city rather than to submit to the regular army. A series of his proclamations reached a climax with an impassioned appeal in which he demanded the support of the Italian people. Copies of the document were found among the advancing forces but officers denied their men had been affected by the propaganda.

## False Alarm

The fire department was called out shortly before midnight when two alarms were sent in about the same time that the Manown school house was afire. The first report was received by telephone, while a woman drove up in a taxi and sent in the second alarm. Thirty-two firemen responded to the alarm and a record run was made to the school, where it was found that the alarm was false. The watchman was sitting by an open stove and it is thought that people passing and noticing the flames of the fire in the stove, evidently decided the building was on fire.

## Lost Jewels

Mrs. S. Petrancosta of this city is mourning the loss f a box containing jewels valued at $1.000. The box was lost Friday evening of last week while Mr. and Mrs. Petrancosta were on a visit with John Petrancosta, a brother, at Brownsville. It is believed the jewels were lost between the Brownsville Music Store, which is owned by Mr. Petrancosta's brother, and Sargent's Livery stable, a short distance away, where the box was first missed. Some of the articles in the box are heirlooms.

## Play Tomorrow

Tomorrow evening on the Iowa Annex floor, the Townsend Juniors of this city will have as their opponents the Speers A. C. An exciting game is promised as the Townsends won their first game and will fight hard to keep their slate clean at the expense of their opponents. The people of Monessen are requested to attend these games as all the games of the past season were very fast and exciting. The probable lineup for this game will be as follows: Cook and Allison, forwards; Bowcenter; Dessent and Shaffer, guards. The preliminary will be well taken care of by the Townsend Scouts and another exciting game is promised. This game will start promptly at 7 o'clock and the big game will follow.

## Girl Shot Hawk

Miss Alice H. Supply, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Supply, of Rostraver township, decided a few days ago that she would try out her ability as marksman. She took hold of a shotgun for the first time in her life and took deadly aim at a huge hawk sailing about high in the air. To the surprise of the young lady, the bird came tumbling to the ground. The girl is aged 15 years. She has determined that this will not be the last experience of its kind.

## New Year's Dance

The new year will be given a noisy welcome on Friday evening of this week at the Turner hall, when the Ladies Aid of the St. Leonard's church has arranged to hold a rustic dance. The hall will be decorated in keeping with the occasion and with a good orchestra, dancing will be enjoyed throughout the evening, while arrangements have been made for cards for those who do not dance. Doughnuts, apples and cider will be served and a merry time is assured all those in attendance.

With the arrival of the new year at midnight the merrymakers will join in the welcome and it promises to be a gay and happy crowd that sends the old year into oblivion and welcomes the new arrival. The dancing will start promptly at 8:30 and it will be long after the midnight hour when the guests depart for their homes. Persons who expect to be out for the New Year celebration will find accommodations in the balcony of the hall, where they can join in the celebration and watch the guests do the light fantastic.

## Game Tonight

The Ranger Five will open their season tonight on the High school floor, meeting the strong Donora Boy Scouts, who have not lost a game this season. The Rangers are on their mettle for this game and are anxious to make a good showing. The probable lineup will be Capt. Sichi and Wheatley, forwards; Bertmente, center; Johnson and Destefano, as guards. A good crowd is expected and a small admission will be charged to meet expenses. Game will start at 7 o'clock sharp. There will be no preliminary game.

## Exonerate Woman

A coroner's jury at Monongahela this morning exonerated Blanche Walker, colored, from all blame in connection with the death of George Dennison, also colored, who was shot and mortally wounded by the woman at the home of Ella Corry at Allenport on the night of December 7th. The victim succumbed to his wounds in the Memorial hospital at Monongahela on December 14th. It was shown that the woman shot in self defense, after Dennis had threatened her bodily harm.

(By United Press)

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 28—John N. English, for five years attorney for the Federated Temperance Society, was today appointed head of the prohibition squad in the Pittsburgh district.

## The Parting Guest

## FAIRHOPE YOUTH IN JAIL CHARGED WITH CAUSING THIRTEEN INCENDIARY FIRES

Albert Smith, aged 19, son of Reuben Smith of Fairhope and a self-confessed firebug, yesterday plead guilty to seven charges of arson and six charges of felonious arson before a Uniontown Alderman. He was held for criminal court action today. The charges were made by Sergeant of State Police Herman Clark, formerly an officer on the Monessen police force. Major Cecil Wilhelm, chief of the State Fire Bureau, drew up the information. The charges of felonious arson were made in connection with the fires that burned buildings which were inhabited. The arson charges alone were made in connection with the burning of inhabited buildings.

The prisoner admits he was never in an asylum, that his health has always been good and that he has never been examined by either a physician or an alienist. His father, at this juncture, reminded that Albert had been "sort of ill" since he suffered an attack of diphtheria in infancy.

Albert, in the presence of his father, then related his story in a calm and composed manner. Frequently the elder Smith would interrupt to either correct a statement made by his son or elaborate still further upon some of his remarks. In recounting the places he had fired Albert displayed no air of braggadocio. He further insists that he holds no grudge against anyone or anything, that he was not opposed to schools or churches. When the name of Andrew Brown was suggested, Albert came back with a quick response of "Oh, you mean that millionaire."

There was a nod in the affirmative and the prisoner, in reply to a series of questions, asserted he "had nothing against millionaires," that he did not know Mr. Brown, nor Mr. Clark, that he had no dislike for either, but that he had fired their property. He ended this action to a "strange feeling" in the head.

Frequently the prisoner contradicted himself. On one occasion he was asked if he did not fear arrest and replied in the negative. Later he was asked if he had any more fires planned and he assured he had not, adding "I sort of feared they might get me." Brownell's war to have climaxed his particular fire activities, he said.

"No one hoped me and no one told me to set buildings on fire," Smith continued. "I made my way from place to place on foot and set the places on fire with matches. There were times when this strange feeling in my head sort of told me I was to fire my own home."

"But you never did?" he was questioned.

"No," he replied. "But sometimes this pain in my head told me that I should. But I never did. I did fire other buildings. But I've no spite against churches nor schools. I got to the eighth grade in school and I never fired anything because I hated people. I never did."

"Were you surprised when you were arested?" he was asked.

"No," said Smith. "I never had any fears when I went from place to place and I was never shot at. The watchman (reference to a son of Burgess Steinman of Fayette City) told me I was wanted first. He talked with me a little while and then let me go. Then I went down to the fire hall, talked with a few men and the State officer (reference to Corporal Beisel) placed me under arrest."

"What happened then?" he was further questioned.

"They told me if I didn't tell the truth they would lynch me and I told them what I had done. I'm still afraid I'll be lynched and I'm still frightened.

The boy's father, according to his own statements, is owner of $50,000 worth of real estate in Fairhope. His occupation is that of a landlord, the younger Smith said. The father insists that counsel has been secured already for his son and he stands ready to spend the $50,000 in the interests of his son.

"Did you know I sort was doing these things," the father was asked.

"I did not," he replied. "I never knew it. Albert usually worked and made he made me a great deal of help. I thought I was out at work and I did not know until yesterday. I only said that I wouldn't care if they burned up Monessen with him but that has nothing to do with his heart."

"Do you feel your son is insane?" the father was asked.

"Now gentlemen, you both are truthful men and I ask you if you think he's insane," the father replied. "I know about nothing about what my boy was doing. He has acted strange from the time he suffered from diphtheria, when a boy, but he never gave us any trouble."

"Has he ever been in any trouble before?" the father was questioned.

"I never did any firing before," the youth interjected. "Yes" corrected the father, "He's been in trouble before. You remember, Albert, what happened to you when you were at the Pittsburgh Steel company?" The father then reminded that Albert had frequently displayed signs of violent temper, having thrown steel plates at fellow workers on one occasion as stated.

"But I can't say he's insane; there is something wrong with him but I can't say what it is," continued the father. "If I were to get out of here tomorrow I'd take him to a physician and let the physician see what ails him. But I don't know. You gentlemen don't know and it's only reasonable that even his father don't know.

"I never felt scared," Albert said when asked his state of feeling while actually engaged in fire vandalism. "I usually walked from place to place and I used matches. No one ever helped me. No one ever found out what I was doing. I worked some in a hotel in Charleroi. I never worked in Donora at a hotel. I was a janitor in Charleroi.

"What do you think will happen to you now that you are in jail?" he was asked.

"I hope they won't lynch me," he said. "I don't known if they've a lawyer for me or not." The father here interrupted to remind that there was no need of a lawyer as Albert has told it all on paper. The youth's parent was dazed when the prisoner admitted that he frequently thought of destroying the Smith home in Fairhope.

Albert Smith was arrested near Albany Hill was taken to North Belle Vernon where he was questioned by state officers and Fire Marshall Ryan. He was first arrested by Watchman Steinman of Fayette City, son of Burgess Steinman, and later rearrested by Corporal Beisel on some information the latter had obtained and which led to the confession of the youth. Smith was taken to Greensburg, where he finger prints were taken. He was taken over the "fire route" and displayed keen memory, pointing out the places he fired.

## Authorities Cause Arrest of Husband

Harry Coven, husband of Mrs. Letitia Coven, who was found dead in the bedroom of her home in Maple Creek Sunday afternoon, is a prisoner in the Charleroi lockup, having been arrested yesterday afternoon on advice of the District Attorney's office at Washington, Pa. He will be held to await the coroner's inquest on Friday morning.

According to his story his wife shot herself in the head after he had refused to kiss her, but the father of the girl, who was in the house at the time, stated that when he entered the bedroom, the husband was standing over the body of the young woman with the revolver in his hands.

Chief of Police Allbright and Officer Murphy accompanied the coroner to the home and after making an investigation, placed the man under arrest. A contusion was found under the woman's right eye, but no powder marks could be found at the side of her head and her hair was not singed, which, police believe would have happeneded had she herself fired the fatal bullet.

The husband stoutly denies knowing anything about the death, but is being held and will be allowed to attend the funeral tomorrow afternoon in the custody of an officer, after which he will be returned to the Charleroi lockup to await the result of the inquest.

## Pioneer Resident Dead

The funeral of Henry Boyd, aged 68 years, occurred this afternoon from his residence below town. The services were held at the house and were in charge of Rev. Percy Davis pastor of the Christian church. The death of Mr. Boyd, which occurred early Christmas morning, removes one of the pioneer residents of this section. He had spent practically all of his life here and worked on the river, railroad and in the mines. He leaves a widow and several grown children, as well as many grand children. The survivors are Mrs. David Brown, Mrs. James Laird, Mrs. Paige Feightner, Mrs. Alfred Hazelbaker, Mrs. Leslie Horn and Mrs. John Reed all of Monessen; Mrs. Charles Coulter of Monongahela, and two sons, William and Lewis. The deceased had been in failing health for a long time and for the past two years has been unable to perform service of any kind, for a time being confined to his bed. The funeral was largely attended by relatives and acquaintances from town and the valley. Interment was made in the Grandview cemetery.

## Two Claim Reward

Fayette City, Dec. 27.—A legal fight over the $6,000 reward for the arrest of the Fayette county firebug has been precipitated here by the alleged confession of Albert Smith, Fairhope youth, that he set 13 of the incendiary fires.

Yesterday Harry Steinman, son of the Burgess of Fayette City, who is also publisher of the Journal, put in a claim for the reward on the ground that he caused Smith's arest near the scene of the last fire set early Christmas morning.

Shortly after a rival claim was put forward by Fred Holder of Fayette City, employed by William Slotterbeck's garage. Holder has engaged an attorney and says he intends to press his claim to the limit. He declares Steinman let the prisoner go, that on Smith's informal exoneration at the fire scene the latter was put on guard at the barn, armed with a shotgun, when he insisted on the youth's arrest and that while State Trooper Herman Clark, who accompanied him, actually made the arrest, he was responsible for it and should be given the reward.

"I didn't care any thing about it at first," he said last night in an interview, "but when the Steinmans began claiming the reward themselves I decided to fight. At 5 o'clock the morning of the arrest I went to the North Belle Vernon police station, but they put me out."

"Who put you out"—the state police" he was asked.

"No," he replied. "Some heavyset chap from the bureau of fire protection. He said I had no business there—that he would let me know the status later."

The decorating committee of the I.C.L. late last night, completed their work of decorating the Turner hall for the big barn dance to be held this evening and the hall presents a beautiful appearance, having been artistically decorated with corn fodder, and foliage. It is expected that a large crowd will be present for the hop tonight and the ones who will attend are certain to be more than pleased with the decorations.

## Hotel Set Afire

Star Junction was the scene of another attempt at arson last night when firebugs set fire to the hotel there. The flames were discovered about 10:30 last night and a man was seen running from the building. The suspect was chased some distance and a number of shots were fired in his direction but he escaped in the darkness and the posse which had quickly formed turned their attion to the fire, which was extinguished with very little damage. About a week or so ago, the school house at Star Junction was destroyed by flames supposedly of incendiary origin and Albert Smith, the young Fairhope lad, arested Christmas eve, admitted that he was the person who set the building afire.

## Handle Record Mail

According to figures just compiled by Postmaster Brautegam, all previous records for the handling of mail at the holiday season were broken during the past two weeks when over 15,000 parcels passed through the local office. Had this amount been mailed in the last few days, it is certain that the office would have been swamped but the public was quick and willing to heed the warning to mail Xmas parcels early and as a result the rush started at least ten days before Christmas and the Sunday before the holiday, a half carload of packages arrived here for distribution.

With a veteran force of employees in the local office the handling of the parcels was accomplished in first class style and not a parcel was left in the office on Christmas night. All the employees of the office have been in the postal service from three to sixteen years and to their untiring efforts is due the greater part of credit for the quick disposal of the parcels, although Postmaster Brautegam is to be congratulated for the system he inaugurated that brought efficiency to the force.

## Aged Man Dead

Solomon Lancaster, aged 69 years, died very suddenly Monday afternoon at 2:50 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Libengood, 483 McKee avenue. Until shortly before death, Mr. Lancaster had enjoyed the best of health and one hour before had been about the house and had attended the furnace. He was seized with a sudden attack of heart failure and peacefully passed away. Funeral services will be held at the home on McKee avenue, Wednesday at 1 p. m., and the body will be taken to Pravoriuns, where interment will be made.

## Suspend Operation

(By United Press)

West Orange, N. J., Dec. 28.—The Edison Phonograph Works will close tomorrow indefinitely. It was announced today. 800 employees will be affected in addition to 1200 already laid off in the last six weeks. This will not affect the record department.

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## REPUBLICAN IN POLITICS

### INTELLIGENCE AND EDUCATION

Some public school systems are substituting "intelligence tests" for the old fashioned examinations. In Detroit the intelligence test is applied to all new teachers, by order of the school board.

There is a difference between book knowledge and intelligence—and the intelligence test is a recognition of that difference. An unschooled man may be, and often is, an intelligent as well as educated man because he picks up and absorbs and makes a part of his consciousness every lesson of experience; everything he reads; and everything of value that he hears.

On the other hand, what is called education, or "schooling," is too often merely a piling up of facts in a brain, like furniture in a storage house. Or, frequently, it is only a pouring in of facts, like water thru a sieve. That is not education.

The furniture of the intelligent man's mind is arranged. It is not crowded or jumbled. The intelligent man often knows more of what's going on in the world than what's in books. The exceptionally educated man knows both books and life, and book knowledge is valuable to him only in so far as it interprets life.

It is well that public school systems are demanding intelligence in teachers as well as the book learning that can be obtained by cramming. If you look back you will find that the teachers who did you the most good were not those who drilled the most geography and arithmetic into your head, but those others to whom books were but guides in explorations of the wide ranges of life.

### THE CHICAGO CLEANUP

There is a new broom sweeping Chicago. It is a figurative broom, however, in the person of Charles Fitzmorris, the new chief of police. Prior to his appointment the police department had been grafting and protecting criminals. A shakeup brought forth a new head of the department. Then came a veritable cloudburst of reform. Poolrooms, gambling resorts, flats were swooped down upon and nearly a thousand culprits were run in within a few days.

After $175,000 worth of whiskey had been stolen through the connivance of police, the chief called to his assistance state and federal officers and they vowed they would not only make Chicago the "driest" city in the U. S. A. but that gamblers and thugs would have to hie themselves thither. Public sentiment rose magnificently to support the new regime of things. The chief has ordered his officers to shoot highwaymen at sight. Those who were "open minded" when Fitzmorris took charge of things are now positive that he's a veritable Olie Hanson, when it comes to handling a big job.

### "OH! LEARNED JUDGE"

Judge Philipps of Cleveland, who jumped at Rev. B. A. Sherwin rough shod because he attempted to provide for a wife and five children on the meagre salary of $93.00 a month, is not one of that kind of jurists who believes that "The quality of mercy droppeth as the gentle rain from Heaven." It was in a divorce suit the Reverend had brought that called forth the wrath of the jurist and in refusing the plea he ordered the preacher to pay his wife $60.00 a month and in so doing declared that an able bodied man should be able to find other employment that would return greater pecuniary rewards. The preacher took the advice and went to work as a machinist apprentice. But its a long lane that has no turns and how can that old judge assure himself that he won't wind up at $93.00 a month.

### UNABLE TO PAY TAXES

The mysteries of finance are made more inscrutable to the average mind by the inability of individuals and corporations to pay the fourth-quarter installment of income and profits taxes for the calendar year 1919. A fair assumption it should be that if one had received income or profits last year that might be taxed by Uncle Sam to the amount of $1,000, say, the money should be in the taxable's pocket or bank.

In most cases we believe that the present inability to pay is traceable to the necessity of using the tax money in going businesses. It simply could not be spared earlier in the year and business conditions as they exist make it impossible to procure the necessary cash. The condition seems to support the argument that the present system of taxations detrimental to business.

### THE PURPOSE OF PUNISHMENT

Many people feel that punishment of criminals should be mild and easy to convince a prisoner that the community means well by him.

A great mass of determined rascals seeing this lenient treatment, have become assured that the law is an easy mark. They are encouraged to commit desperate crimes, until life and property are no longer safe.

Considering the many confirmed miscreants who stop at nothing, the primary purpose of punishment in this period of crime, should be to deter others from such acts. The holdup man with his deadly weapon is a murderer at heart. Soak it to him so hard that would-be imitators will stop and think.


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## Local and Personal Items of Interest

**There is no charge for items contributed to this column of the going and coming of people or social happenings. Call 53.**

Thomas Roth of Monongahela is a business caller in town today.

Robert Scott of Belle Vernon was a business caller in town today.

Ralph T. Miller of Cleveland is a business visitor in Monessen today.

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Willard Miller was a caller with friends in Belle Vernon last evening.

Miss Elsie Renstrom of Fayette City is spending the day with local friends.

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Mr and Mrs. Harry Phythyon of Belle Vernon visited in Monessen yesterday.

Frank Van Dusen of Eighth St., spent the holidays with friends at Uniontown.

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Mr. J. J. Graham left yesterday for his home after spending the holidays with friends in Monessen.

A marriage license was issued in Pittsburgh yesterday to Linwood H. Patrick and Miss Sara H. Horton, both of Belle Vernon.

Alvan J. Heinonen of this city and Miss Martha Leppanon of Glassport were granted a marriage license in Pittsburgh yesterday.

Holiday reduction, 1-2 off; percales fancy outings, gingham, tickings, turkish towels, dress goods and silks. N. W. Schlup Co. 1t

Mrs. Schruengost of Burgettstown left for her home today after spending the holidays with Mrs. Joe Carney of Donner avenue.

Mrs. Aaron Gregg of Monongahela City has returned to her home after a short visit with friends and relatives in this city and Belle Vernon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alex Blush, former Monessen residents, who have been residing at Niles, Ohio, are visiting Monessen friends. The family is making preparations to move to Baltimore.

Burt Wright, 45 years old, died at his home in West Newton Christmas Day. He is survived by his widow and two daughters. Mrs. Wright is a cousin of the late President William McKinley.

Wilbur Harris of Beaver Falls, Pa., representing the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co., was a business caller in town today. Mr. Harris served during the World War as Battalion Adjutant in the 110th Infantry.

The Olympic hall having been redecorated and improved by the installation of six windows, giving plenty of ventilation, is now open for dances, lodge meetings, etc. Persons desiring to rent the hall should apply at the Olympic theatre. 63-tf

Assessment to the High school alumni and dance Thursday evening of this week is $1.50 each or $3.00 per couple. This announcement is made by the committee as there seems to be a misunderstanding, many thinking that the assessment was $3.00 per person.

Word was received here that Mr. Charles Neil, formerly an employee of the local Tin mill, died in the Homestead hospital, Homestead, Fla. Monday morning. The deceased left here about a year ago for the south in an effort to regain his health. The body will be brought to Greensboro, Greene county, for burial.

Miss Nell McCahill of Schoonmaker avenue and Miss Agnes McLinden of the Donora school faculty left Saturday evening for Massillon, O., where they will be guests at a house party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Underwood and also visit with the former's sister, Mrs. E. L. Johnston.

Burglars some time Sunday night entered the shoe store of B. F. Forsythe in Monongahela City and made good their escape with a large quantity of shoes, silk stockings and about $28.00 in cash. Entrance was gained through a rear window. This is the third time the establishment was entered.

## Killed By Train

Mrs. Aaron Hornbeck, 76 years old one of the oldest and most prominent women in West Newton, was struck by a train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and instantly killed Christmas day. The fatal accident happened at the Water street crossing in West Newton, regarded as one of the most dangerous crossings along the line from Pittsburgh to Connellsville.

Mrs. Hornbeck's husband died a number of years ago. Since girlhood, she was very prominent in all departments of church work. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal congregation at West Newton. She is survived by her two sons.

## Women Eligible

Harrisburg, Dec. 27.—Women are now eligible to hold public office in Pennsylvania and any common law rule to the contrary has been set aside, rules Attorney General Geo. E. Alter, in his first opinion rendered to Gov. William C. Sproul as to his inquiry whether he could appoint a woman to be clerk of courts of Luzerne county.

Mr. Alter says under the common law women were disqualified from holding public office and pursuant thereto the attorney general's department in years gone by held them to be ineligible in certain offices.

"But we now have a changed situation arising out of the extension to women of the right to vote by virtue of the 9th amendment to the federal constitution," he says.

## Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Morgart of 1049 Morgan avenue, had the pleasure of having all their children at home for Christmas dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Morgart; their son, Charles, wife and daughter, Annabelle; son, James, wife and daughter, Viola of Pittsburgh; Sam E. Morgart, wife and daughters, Francis, Edna May and Mildred of Knox avenue; J. C. Morgart and wife of Detroit, Mich.; Ray and wife, at home; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyer of Sixth street, Mrs. Boyer is a daughter; J. W. Cadwallader, only brother of Mrs. Morgart, his wife and two sons, Ray and Donald.

### Jerusalem.

The broad moon lingers on the summit of Mount Olivet, but its beam has long left the garden of Gethsemane and the tomb of Absalom, the waters of Kedron and the dark abyss of Jehoshaphat. Full falls its splendor, however, on the opposite city, vivid and defined in silver blaze. A lofty wall, with turrets and towers and frequent gates, undulates with the unequal ground which it covers, as it encircles the lost capital of Jehovah. It is a city of hills far more famous than those of Rome. Jerusalem by moonlight! 'Tis a fine spectacle, apart from all its indissoluble associations of awe and beauty. The mitigating hour softens the austerity of a mountain landscape magnificent in outline, however harsh in detail, and, while it retains all its sublimity, removes much of the savage sternness of the strange and unrivaled scene.—Benjamin Disraeli.

### Always Behind Time.

Following is by John D. Barry:

"Some people act as if they were always just a few minutes behind time. If they could catch up, their lives would be serene. But they never do catch up. Breathlessly they go through the day as if in pursuit of a phantom. Often they live under a great nervous tension. At the end of the day they are exhausted. One hears them speak as if they were subjected to great trials, including overwork. But, as a matter of fact, the trouble lies wholly within themselves. If they would only calm down and do quietly and serenely what they have to do life would take on a wholly different aspect for them, becoming, instead of a torment, a source of peace and [illegible] Los Angeles Times


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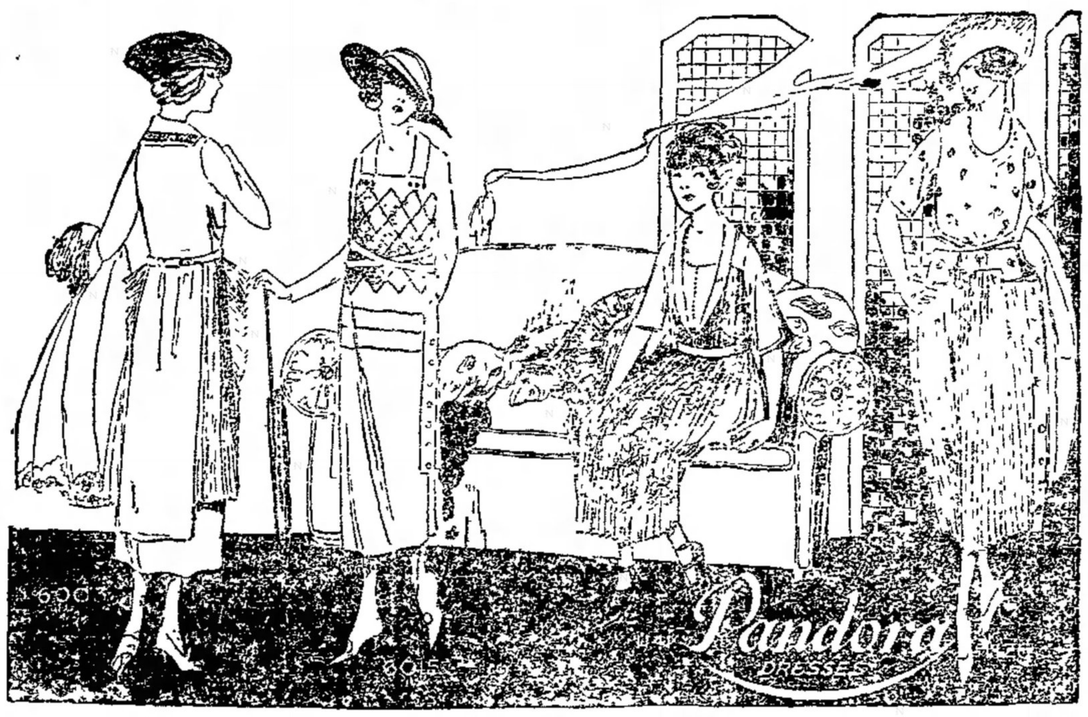


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The reason is not far to seek. It is purely economic. Man is the most efficient machine and the cheapest animal, and so it comes to pass that he is the universal animal, the omnibus of commerce and the pack mule of the race.

It is cheaper to wear men down than keep roads up. When he falls, few care and still fewer pity, for others are eager to fill his place. Should we offer to take the burden from his shoulder, he would regard it as taking the rice from his bowl.—Dr. Joseph Beech in the National Geographic Magazine.

### No More Tarts!

It was bad enough when we lost the secret of how the pyramids were made, and now the Manchester Guardian raises a warning cry that we are about to lose the key to another of mankind's achievements rare. The war, it is said, wiped out the art of the Baba, the Flamande, the eclair. When rationing forbade pastry, 20,000 apprentices left the trade in France, and while making mud pies in the trenches, they quite forget how to flute vungs and combine creams and almond paste into the gateaux and tarts that made the pastry cooks of Paris famous. Whatever will the children do?

### England Turns to Spanish.

A society craze for things Spanish seems to be imminent in England. Two Spanish plays are running in London and Spanish singers and dancers are in great demand. Many fashionable women are wearing the high Spanish comb and one sees imitative attempts at the mantilla, or mantilla effects. All the new fashionable dances are said to show distinct leanings toward Spanish interpretation.


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# High School Must Help Fight Ignorance

Harrisburg, Dec. 27.—The high school must help fight ignorance and European ideas that threaten the very foundations of American institutions, and must not only give instructions but practice in citizenship, declared Prof. David R. Sumstine, principal of the Peabody High school of Pittsburg, at a preliminary meeting of the seventy-first convention of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association today.

He spoke at the opening session of the high school department and struck a chord which will be heard throughout the four days' meeting because Americanization, good citizenship and patriotism are to be among the leading themes. Prof. Sumstine's address attracted much attention and was delivered at a largely attended meeting.

After reviewing the high school's development and declaring the junior high schools had come to stay, he called the teachers in high schools to battle against insidious foreign influences and said instruction in good citizenship was meeting an obligation to the state.

"We cannot make patriotic and loyal Americans by law and the provisions of a law cannot be enforced unless a majority of the people have the proper attitude toward law," he said. "Respect for law and government seems to be particularly a pressing obligation on schools today."

Good citizenship does not lose sight of the organized agencies of society, he continued. The branches of government are treated in civic classes, but there are others which ought to be so regarded, such as the home, the church, the school. He proposed also including some objects to be studied, courts, police stations, associated and other charities, penal institutions, child welfare organizations, chambers of commerce, civic bodies, trade organizations, political parties and elections, for, he claimed, "here is an opportunity for the school to make a contact with civic life." He held the field had been neglected but constituted a vital problem.

"Training for citizenship requires some participation in the life of a citizen. The high school has great responsibilities and calls for good leadership," he said.

Meetings of high school principles and teachers, a round table discussion and demonstration in child hygiene and a dinner conference under auspices of the School Patrons' Organization opened the convention.

It is expected more than 5,000 teachers will register during the four days' meeting. Many veterans of the profession are here because not only the state's educational program, but teachers' salaries and the share of educational cost the commonwealth should pay are to be considered. Thursday the association will express its ideas in formal resolutions and bring up matters for attention of the Legislature which meets next Tuesday.

The meetings of today and tonight are departmental, the general sessions opening tomorrow afternoon when Gov. Sproul and state educational officials will speak and several prominent school men will present the historical features of Pennsylvania's educational system, its pioneers the men who made the Department of Public Instruction and those who developed the normal and high schools.

The high school department discussed what it should do to meet the demands of the hour. Following Prof. Sumstine's address, Dr. W. D. Lewis, first deputy superintendent of public instruction, discussed what the state requires. At night Orton Lowe of the state Educational Department made an address on teaching of good English. J. Freeman Guy of Pittsburgh and J. Lynn Barnard, director of social studies of the state department, were also on the program.

Dr. F. E. Downes former president of the state association, opened the dinner conference, speakers being Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, Dr. J. Geo. Becht, Dr. Clarence Zorger, Dr. Arthur E. Brown, head master of the Harrisburg Academy; Dr. W. N. Maxfield psychologist and Dr. C.S. Davis of Steelton.

## Military Display

Washington, Dec. 27.—As usual, Pennsylvania will have the largest military display in the inauguration of President Harding, March 4. According to present plans the Keystone state will send three regiments of National Guard infantry, one battery of artillery and one troop of cavalry. Adj. Gen. Beary today so informed Senator Knox, whom he asked to obtain suitable quarters for the Pennsylvania soldiers. Gov. Sproul will accompany the National Guard troops to Washington. It is believed the parade will be the largest in history.

## Big Day Thursday

The biggest day of the Farm Produce Show at Greensburg will be Thursday, December 30, when the annual meeting of the Westmoreland County Farm Bureau will be held. Officers and executive committee for the coming year will be elected, the county agent will make his report and Hon. Fred Fasmussen, State Secretary of Agriculture, will make an address to the farmers of the county. The meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, the same building in which the show will be held.


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TODAY—Tom Moore in "OFFICER 666", the big stage success, and a Ben Turpin comedy

WEDNESDAY—Jack Pickford in "THEMAN WHO HAD EVERYTHING". And Episode 9 of "Bride 13", and a comedy.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

## FLOYD'S VICTORY GIRLS

Musical Comedy Show
Singing, Talking and Dancing
10 PEOPLE MATINEEE 2:30 EVENING 7:30 and 9:30

THURSDAY and FRIDAY—Herbert Rawlinson in "MAN AND HIS WIFE", and a comedy.

SATURDAY—The Winsome Shirley Mason in "THE GIRL OF MY HEART". And Ruth Roland in "Ruthof the Rockies".

EVERY MONDAY—An episode of "THE SON OF TAZAN"

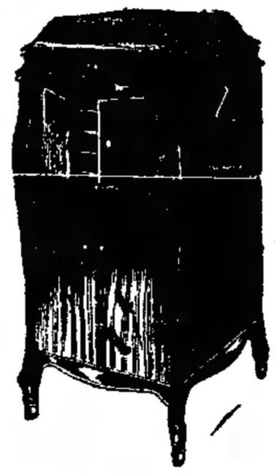
EVERY WEDNESDAY—An Episode of "BRIDE 13" with Margverite Clayton

EVERY SATURDAY—An Episode of "RUTH OF THE ROCKIES" with Ruth Roland.



## Buy With Your Christmas Money

A Victrola and Selection of Records for the New Year. A few that can be delivered at once.



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Jewelry and Victrolas
Phone 45-J Donner Avenue



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## NO PROFIT SALE

## All Silk Shirts

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ALL THIS WEEK

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| $16.50 Shirts | $8.25 |
| $15.00 Shirts | $7.50 |
| $12.50 Shirts | $6.25 |
| $10.00 Shirts | $5.00 |
| $7.50 Shirts | $3.75 |

Everything in the store on sale.

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Corner 3rd & Schoonmaker Monessen

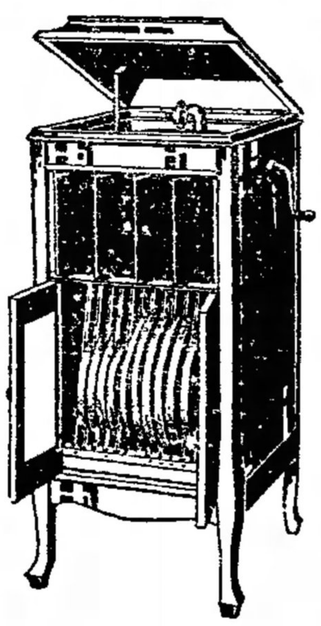
Phone 36-M



## COLUMBIA GRAFANOLA

For

## NEW YEAR



This Columbia Design $130.00 with 10 Double Disc Records of your own selection. We deliver to your for $10.00 down and $8.00 per month.

This Offer Lasts for 10 days.

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# CLOTHING CLEARANCE

## Sweeping Reductions on Men's Suits & Overcoats of

# 30% TO 50%

| All $40. $45 and $48 Suits and Overcoats | All $50, $60 and $65 Suits and Overcoats | All $70, $80 and $85 Suits and Overcoats |
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| $29.00 | $39.00 | $49.00 |

NEEDLESS TO DWELL UPON THE WONDERFUL MONEY SAVING POSSIBILITIES OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY SALE. SUFFICIENT TO SAY THAT THERE ARE THREE NATIONALLY KNOWN MAKES TO CHOOSE FROM—KUPPENHEIMER, CLOTHCRAFT AND HART SHAFFNER AND MARX, PRESENTING THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF HIGH GRADE OVERCOATS AND SUITS EVER SHOWN IN MONESSEN.

OUR ENTIRE STOCK—HUNDREDS OF GARMENTS INVOLVED IN THIS GREAT CLEARANCE EVENT—NOT A MERE HANDFUL OF CLOTHING, BUT A COMPLETE STOCK OF ALL SIZES.

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SEE THAT YOUR PROPERTY IS INSURED FOR ITS VALUE BEFORE YOU GO TO BED TONIGHT

Shuster, Reed & Company

Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, Pa.
Phone 59



## January Clearance Sale

¼ to ½ OFF

On All

Men's, Ladies' and Children's Clothing and Shoes

EISENBERG'S DEPT. STORE

4th & Schoonmaker
Monessen, Pa


## Want Column

WANTED—Man with small capital to manage store; expanding business, chance for advancement. Communicate immediately with United States Sales Stores, 105 East Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, Pa. 57-13t

FOR RENT—Furnished flat of 4 rooms and bath, corner Second and Schoonmaker. See Shuster, Reed & Co., 319 Schoonmaker ave. 52-tf

WANTED—Dairy farm help, married man with a family preferred. Call in person at farm J. E. Long, Monongahela, Pa. 70-4tp

FOR RENT—Three rooms; call 30 Reed avenue, phone 117-M 70-2t

WANTED—Laundress, for family washing. Call 33 Athalia Ave., or phone 637 J 70-2tp

LOST—Howard gold watch, initials D. P. W., reward if returned to Dale Warman, 413 Donner 70-2t

FOR SALE—Gas range, cabinet, used six months, also davenport, can be seen at 205 Oneida St. 71-2t

FOR RENT—Front room for gentleman, 540 Schoonmaker 71p

FOR RENT—1 room for light housekeeping, hot and cold water, 507 Donner 71-2tp

LOST—Hudson seal muff, Christmas eve, somewhere between Monessen, Belle Vernon and Charleroi. Will finder please return to Voelker's Flower store, Monessen 71p

### CREDITORS' NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Walter Wolf, conducting a confectionery and grocery business at the corner of Schoonmaker avenue and Monongahela street, Monessen, Pa., has sold the same to H. Ostrow. Creditors are requested to make immediate presentation of any claims to H. Ostrow at address above.

H. Ostrow
2-3t

Coal, Coal, Coal, at 24 cents per bushel. See E. DiAmbrosio & Son, 249 Schoonmaker Ave., or phone 753-M Monessen 62-52tp

## Arrest Suspect

M. C. Bougan, aged 34, Hungarian, is being held by police at Star Junction. He is believed to be a character, having been arrested yesterday morning at 1 o'clock by Special officers Elias Moses of the Washington Coal and Coke company, after the officer had reasons for Bougan might have had an attempt to fire the company mine shaft.

Bougan drove from Fayette City to Star Junction. In his car he had two five gallon cans of gasoline. Underneath his car he had a compartment which would hold 15 gallons of gasoline. In the cans police found "moonshine" to it alleged. Three revolvers were taken of Bougan, it is claimed.

His contradictory stories resulted in his arrest and incarceration in the jail at Star Junction. A thorough examination is being made.

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